

# *Congratulations to Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve*

*On the Occasion of Your 30th Anniversary*

For 30 years, Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve has served Georgia and the nation as a living laboratory and classroom for understanding the fragile region where rivers meet the sea. By integrating excellent science and environmental monitoring with strategic outreach efforts, you have helped to sustain this estuary as a healthy and vital resource. The second oldest member of the National Estuarine Research Reserve System, you were one of the first to document your ecological array, and you have developed innovative programs to train teachers and others whose actions affect the health of the estuary. Sapelo Island serves as an example to the nation of effectively managing coasts and estuaries for wildlife, for clean water and for people. Congratulations on 30 years of outstanding service to the nation.

*NOAA's Estuarine  
Reserves Division*

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